

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
9th FEBRUARY 2009

- * Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby (Chairman)
Cllr. S.C. Pryde (Deputy Chairman)
- * Cllr. Mrs. P.C. Brooks
- * Cllr. A.B. Clark
- * Cllr. J.F. Collier
- * Cllr. W. J. Pryor
- * Cllr. Mrs. E.A. Webster
Cllr. A.P. Watts

* Denotes Members present.

Also present: Cllr. James and Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Recreation and Amenities Manager.

773. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Pryde and Cllr. Watts.

774. **Declarations of Interest:**

Member	Item	Interest	Reason	Action
Cllr. Mrs. Brooks	Leverton School Admissions Policy	Personal	Personal friend of the Deputy Headteacher	Remained

775. **Minutes:** RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th November 2008, copies of which had been previously circulated to all Members, be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

776. **Public Questions:** There were no public questions.

777 **Footpath 105 – Sewardstone Road to Cartersfield Road – Closure Consultation:**
Members referred to the Officers report noting the results of the consultation. It was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Webster, seconded and
RESOLVED – THAT (a) an application be made to Essex County Council for a six months trial closure and
(b) the Officers to arrange monitoring of vandalism during the closure period.

778. **Public Path Scheme 2008 – Harolds Park Farm:** The Town Clerk reported that the Order under the above scheme to divert parts of Footpath 39 and Bridleway 40, both in the Waltham Abbey area had been confirmed. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this be noted.

779. **Town Mead Leisure Park:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that football pitches had been out of use for the previous two weekends due to the inclement weather. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report and additional information be noted.

780. **Larsen Recreation Ground:** Members referred to the Officers report noting that due to inclement weather football pitch hire at this park had been cancelled. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report be noted.

781. **Ninefields:** Members referred to the Officers report noting the current situation with the installation of the replacement boiler. It was moved by Cllr. Pryor, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers arrange publicity notices in respect of the replacement boiler.

It was then moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT subject to the above the Officers report be noted.

782. **King George V/Lodge Lane Playing Fields:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

783. **Other Open Spaces:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

784. **Cemetery:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Recreation and Amenities Manager went on to confirm that the new waste bins had now been installed in the cemetery. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report and additional information be noted.

785. **Churchyard and Garden of Rest:** Members referred to the Officers report and it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

786. **Plant and Equipment:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that the Ransome Triple mower required new cutting cylinders before the 2009 mowing season. It was moved by Cllr. Pryor, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officer report the cost of this replacement to the next meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.

It was then moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT subject to the above the Officers report be noted.

787. **Allotment Sites:** Members referred to the Officers report noting that plot inspections had recently been carried out and vacant sites relet. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report be noted.

788. **Cemetery Extension:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Officer went on to say that the recent extreme inclement weather had delayed the clearance works to the cemetery extension. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers report and additional information be noted.

789. **Town Mead Sports and Social Club:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Town Clerk went on to say that following the meeting of the Licensed Bars and Catering Subcommittee letters had been sent to all lapsed members of the Sports and Social Club inviting them to renew their memberships. Cllr. Clark said he had been visiting the Club on recent weekends and members had asked him why SkySport was being withdrawn as they thought this would have an adverse effect on the membership. Cllr. Mrs. Brooks explained to Members that the decision had been taken following a report from the Bars Manager that SkySport was no longer attracting enough custom to justify the expense. Cllr. Pryor went on to say that the decision had been made for budgetary purposes and should be monitored. If the membership drive is successful and it appears there is a need then the service could be reintroduced at a later date. It was then moved by Cllr. Pryor, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers prepare a budget for the Town Mead Sports and Social Club which indicates the number of functions required to achieve a breakeven point and present this to the next meeting of this Committee.

Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou was of the opinion that a period of review during the coming Financial Year would be required and it was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) the Bars Manager attend the October meeting of this Committee in order to review the trading situation and
(b) subject to the above the Officers report be noted.

790. **Cornmill Suite:** Members referred to the Officers report noting the comparison of bookings. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the report be noted.

791. **In-House Promotions:** Members referred to the Officers report and were generally of the opinion that all Town Council functions would benefit from increased advertising. The Town Clerk pointed out that none of the staff were expert in this field however they would endeavour to achieve an increase. It was then moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT subject to the additional information the Officers report be noted.

792. **Town Hall Male Toilets:** Members referred to the Officers report and the Recreation and Amenities Manager went on to say that the cost of replacing cubicles and sanitary ware excluding labour exceeded the current budget and he would need to investigate other suppliers. Following discussion it was moved by Cllr. Pryor, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT three nominated Members, Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Pryor investigate material supply and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

793. **Christmas Lights and Cavalcade of Light:** Members referred to the Officers report and Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou asked if Officers had obtained quotations for outsourcing the erection of the Christmas lights. The Recreation and Amenities Manager advised that this exercise had been carried out and the only quotation received was in the sum of £15,000.00. Members referred to the cost of the in-house labour and following further discussion in was moved by Cllr. Clark, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT (a) a Programme of Works including costings for the 2009 event be prepared at the earliest opportunity and
(b) this be added to the Status List.

794. **Retail Market:** Members referred to the Market Manager's report and Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou asked if any action had been taken in respect of the uneven surface. The Town Clerk advised Members that this had been reported to the County Highways Office and Cllr. Mrs. Webster suggested that the matter be raised further when representatives of the Council meet the Area Manager to discuss traffic issues in the Market Square. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Market Manager’s report and additional information be noted.

795. **Waltham Abbey Town Partnership:** Members referred to minutes of the meetings of the Town Partnership held on 11th November and 16th December 2008 and 13th January 2009. Cllr. Mrs. Webster explained to Members that she attended Partnership meetings when able but due to other commitments, particularly County Council meetings, it was not always possible to attend.

Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou referred to an item on the 16th December minutes which suggested that the Partnership would be represented at a Joint Committee set up by Broxbourne Borough Council. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou explained that the Deputy Chief Executive of Epping Forest District Council had advised that this was a Town Marketing Committee for Waltham Cross rather than the group working towards the promotion of the Olympic White Water Course. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes of the meetings held on 11th November and 16th December 2008 and 13th January 2009 together with the additional information be noted.

796. **Neighbourhood Action Panel:** Members referred to the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Action Panel Meeting on 12th November 2008. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the Minutes be noted.

797. **Leverton Junior School Admission Arrangements 2010/2011:** Members noted correspondence from Leverton Junior School setting out their admission arrangements for the academic year 2010/2011. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT the correspondence be noted.

798. **Status List:** Members referred to a copy of the Status List and the Recreation and Amenities Manager went on to say that the quotation for installation of CCTV at the Cemetery had exceeded the budget and he was therefore making further investigation.

Cllr. Clark provided details of an alternative supplier. It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT subject to the above the Status List be noted.

799. **Gypsy and Traveller Consultation:** Cllr. Mrs. Webster referred to the need for the Town Council to make a response to the Gypsy and Traveller Consultation and suggested that specific Members be nominated to prepare the Council’s response and it was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Webster, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, Cllr. Mrs. Brooks, Cllr. Watts and Cllr. Mrs. Webster instruct the Town Clerk as to the Town Council’s response to the Gypsy and Traveller Consultation.

800. **The Chetwood Papers:** Cllr. Mrs. Webster advised Members that she had been contacted by a representative of the Historical Society regarding the release of the “Chetwood Papers” to the Essex Records Office. In order for the Officers to be able to advise Members on this matter it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT this be deferred to the next meeting of the Town Council on 26th February 2009 for consideration.

801. **Exclusion of Press and Public:** It was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and listed below the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

802. **Market Incident:** Category 4 (Information relating to a service).

MRS. R. GADSBY - CHAIRMAN

